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Attorney Docket No. 21402-135 (Cura-435)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS :** Bader  
**SERIAL NUMBER :** 09/966,870  
**FILING DATE :** September 28, 2001  
**FOR :** METHODS OF IDENTIFYING GENETIC REGIONS ASSOCIATED WITH DISEASE AND PREDICTING RESPONSIVENESS TO THERAPEUTIC AGENTS  
**EXAMINER :** Carolyn L. Smith.  
**ART UNIT :** 1631

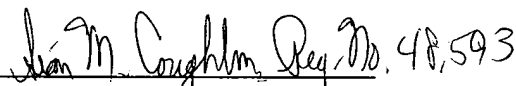
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P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 22, 2003. Check No. 17765 in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-135 (Cura-435). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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